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SUBJECT: (C) PUZZLEMENT OF THE EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR OVER
"CONTRADICTIONS" OF THE KHALQI REGIME

REF: KABUL 5146 (NOTAL)

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. AS ANTICIPATED IN THE REFTTEL, DR. HERMANN SCHWIESAU,
THE AMBASSADOR OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AT KABUL,
CALLED ON ME JULY 9 TO CHAT ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION
IN AFGHANISTAN. AS IS HIS USUAL PRACTICE, SCHWIESAU
ENDEAVORED TO APPEAR FRIENDLY AND FRANK.

J. SCHWIESAU EXPRESSED PUZZLEMENT OVER HOW THE AFGHANS SEEM TO MISHANDGE THEIR RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, MISSING OBVIOUS OPPORTUNITIES TO DISPLAY A SMOOTHER DIPLOMATIC IMAGE. USING KABUL'S BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISLAMABAD AS AN EXAMPLE, HE WONDERED WHY AFGHANISTAN HAD APPARENTLY CHANGED ITS SIGNALS AT THE LAST MINUTE AND HAD OPPOSED PAKISTANI MEMBERSHIP IN THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT AT THE RECENT NAM CONFERENCE AT COLOMBO. SCHWIESAU RECALLED THAT THE AFGHANS HAD APPEARED TO HAVE CLEARLY PROMISED PAKISTAN BEFORE THAT CONFERENCE THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT PAKISTAN'S BID FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAM. SCHWIESAU REVEALED THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD EVEN URGED THIS COURSE OF ACTION. SCHWIESAU SAID THAT HE AND OTHER OBSERVERS WERE SURPRISED WHEN THE AFGHANS TOOK A STRONG ANTI-PAKISTAN STAND AT COLOMBO. 783 -65 54-5 85 29715 4-13 133, 133VERER FOR THE AFGHANS TO HAVE INSTEAD STATED THAT, "ALTHOUGH AFGHANISTAN HAS MANY BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH PAKISTAN, THOSE CAN BE RESOLVED IN OTHER WAYS; THEREFORE, AFGHANISTAN IS NOT BLOCKING PAKISTAN'S ENTRY INTO THE NAM." HE FOUND THE AFGHAN POSITION ESPECIALLY "STUPID" BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT GET ENOUGH VOTES TO BLOCK PAKISTANI MEMBERSHIP ANYWAY.

4. SCHWIESAU ALSO WAS SURPRISED THAT THE AFGHAN POLICE AUTHORITIES WOULD BE SEIZING A PAKISTANI EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER AT THE SAME TIME THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS PREPARING FOR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DOST'S FRIENDLY VISIT TO ISLAMABAD. SCHWIESAU LEFT NO DOUBT THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE PAKISTANI HAD BEEN FORCIBLY SEIZED BY THE AFGHAN'S SECURITY POLICE, AND HAD NOT DEFECTED VOLUNTARILY TO THE AFGHAN SIDE AS THE KHALQIS CLAIM. WHILE ON THE TOPIC OF THE DOST VISIT, SCHWIESAU WONDERED WHY THE KHALQIS HAD FELT COMPELLED TO REFUTE THE SUBSEQUENT PAKISTANI STATEMENT THAT AGHA SHAHI WOULD BE PAYING A RETURN VISIT ON PRIME MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN. ASIDE FROM THE PROTOCOL SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED, SCHWIESAU THOUGHT AMIN SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE AGHA SHAHI GRACEFULLY - AND TRANSFER HIM OVER TO A LOWER OFFICIAL, SUCH AS EDUCATION MINISTER JALILI, FOR SUBSTANTIVE TALKS.

5. WHEN I ASKED SCHWIESAU WHY HE THOUGHT THE KHALQI REGIME SO FREQUENTLY SEEMED TO BE OPERATING AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH ITSELF, SCHWIESAU REPLIED THAT IS A MYSTERY TO HIM. HE OBSERVED THAT, ALTHOUGH ONE MINISTRY MIGHT PROCEED ALONG A DIFFERENT COURSE FROM ANOTHER MINISTRY, THERE HAD TO BE SOME OVERALL DIRECTION FROM THE TOP. FOR EXAMPLE, SCHWIESAU NOTED THE AFGHAN DELEGATE'S ANTI-PAKISTAN SPEECH AT COLOMBO HAD TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY NO ONE LESS THAN PRIME MINISTER AMIN.

6. TURNING TO THE INSURGENCY SITUATION, SCHWIESAU REGARDED IT AS SERIOUS. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE DEPENDENTS OF ONE OF HIS OFFICERS REMAIN BEHIND IN BERLIN WHEN THAT OFFICER RETURNS TO KABUL FROM HOME LEAVE, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN IS "DANGEROUS." SCHWIESAU REVEALED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAKS ARE SENDING SOME TECHNICAL ADVISERS BACK TO THE KERAT REGION, BUT WITHOUT THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN.

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7. SCHWIESAU SAID THAT HE FINDS ESPECIALLY FRUSTRATING THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE MESS IN THIS COUNTRY. HE HAS OFTEN TOLD THE AFGHANS THAT THEY ARE FOOLS NOT TO ENCOURAGE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY ALL NATIONS, EAST AND WEST, IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, SCHWIESAU STATED THAT HE WAS TOLD KHALQI POLITICAL EXTREMISTS THAT THEY ARE OUT OF STEP WITH THE MODERN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT WHEN THEY ATTEMPT TO SQUEEZE "IMPERIALIST" REPRESENTATION OUT OF KABUL. HE SAID THAT HE TOLD THEM HOW IT IS NECESSARY FOR ALL NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

8 AS FOR EAST GERMAN PROGRAMS FOR AFGHANISTAN, SCHWIESAU WAS VERY BEARISH. HAVING LONG BEEN VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY OF AFGHANISTAN FOR FOREIGN AID, SCHWIESAU SAID THAT, AT HIS RECOMMENDATION, THE GDR HAS OFFERED THE KHALQI REGIME A MODEST INITIAL AMOUNT OF AID CREDIT TO TEST THE POSSIBLE SUCCESS OF EAST GERMAN PROGRAMMING IN THIS AREA. SCHWIESAU WAS DISCOURAGED, HOWEVER, BY HIS FIRST TECHNICAL CONVERSATIONS WITH AFGHAN AID OFFICIALS. THEY WANTED EAST GERMANY TO BUILD A TURNKEY-TYPE INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATION IN AFGHANISTAN, REQUESTING THAT EAST GERMANY UNDERTAKE THE COMPLETE PROJECT. SCHWIESAU SAID THAT HE TOOK THE AFGHANS TO A WORLD MAP, POINTED OUT HOW DISTANT EAST GERMANY WAS FROM AFGHANISTAN, AND ASKED THE AFGHANS WHETHER THEY WERE SERIOUSLY PROPOSING THAT HE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE EAST GERMAN SPICKS TRANSPORTED ACROSS POLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION FOR SUCH A PROJECT. HE CONCLUDED THAT HE HAS THUS FAR GOTTEN NOWHERE IN GETTING THE AFGHANS TO BE PRACTICAL ABOUT SUCH PROPOSITIONS.

8. COMMENT: THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SCHWIESAU ON JULY 3 WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERALLY CRITICAL ATTITUDE HE HAS DISPLAYED TOWARD THE KHALQI REGIME IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER DIPLOMATS SINCE HIS ARRIVAL HERE ELEVEN MONTHS AGO. SCHWIESAU DID NOT MENTION THE SUBJECT OF RECENT SOVIET-SPONSORED "NEGOTIATIONS" TO FORM A "NATIONAL FRONT" REPLACEMENT FOR THE KHALQI REGIME (REFTEL).

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